

Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message



Dear Timberbank Parents/Guardians,

The Arts are alive and well at Timberbank! The month of May is one filled with a number of events that will showcase the many talented students at Timberbank Jr Public School.

To begin with, our grade 4/5 and grade 6 classes participated in the 125th TDSB Spring Music Festival at Massey Hall. Their orff performance, under the direction of Ms Hwang, was outstanding! It incorporated the playing of orff instruments along with vocal music and dance. Thanks to the many parents who came out to support our students and to Ms Hwang for her commitment to our music program. I am sure that you will agree that our students made us very proud!

The talent does not end there as several students prepare for 3 folkdance events: the East Jamboree; the South Folkfest; and the Special Needs Folkfest event. We sure love to dance!

Our choir and grade 3 dancers are also getting ready to participate in this month's Asian Heritage celebration. This year's theme is "Asian Fusion" and it will take place at Georges Vanier at 10am. We hope that you will be able to come out and support our students in this celebration.

Of course, we cannot forget that our annual Spring Concert is just around the corner. All of the classes have been working hard to prepare for our concert and we hope to see you there. We will also be having our Book Fair during this time.

Once again thanks for your continued support and dedication to your talented children.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

May 17	Asian Heritage Celebration @ Georges Vanier CI - 10 am
May 17	Folkfest @ Lawrence Park CI - bus picking us up at 5:15pm
May 19	School Council Meeting in the Staffroom @ 6:30 pm
May 20	PA Day - No school for students
May 24	Special Needs Folkfest @ Ted Reeve Arena at 10:30 am
May 26	Spring Concert @ 7pm / Book Fair in the Library
May 27	Favourite Colour Day - ON TRACK Assembly pm; Jump Rope 4 Heart
May 31	Welcome to Kindergarten Evening @ 6:30pm
May 30 - June 3	EQAO for Grade 3s
June 6 - June 10	EQAO for Grade 6s
June 9	Volunteer Tea @ 3:30 pm / Grade 7 Open House @ Buchan - 6:00 pm
June 11	South Asian Symposium @ Stephen Leacock - "Healthy Living"

Staff Changes

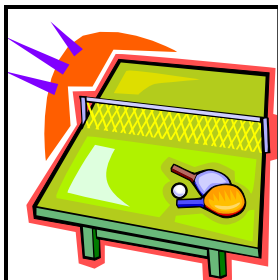
On April 29th, the Timberbank staff and students said goodbye to Mrs. Jeung and wished her all the best as she and her husband prepare to receive their "bundle of joy". She will be truly missed and hope that she will visit us. We would also like to welcome Ms Hong who will be replacing Mrs. Jeung until the end of the school year. Ms Hong is very excited to join the Timberbank family and is so pleased to be working with such a fine group of students.



Newcomer Kids Program

The tables have arrived and our Newcomer Kids Program began on Monday, May 9th. Our students are fortunate to have this program available to them through the TDSB and Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. Students are considered either a mentor or mentee and help one another to improve their communication skills. Group activities include: Homework Club; Conversation Circles; Professional Table Tennis training; cultural interactive activities; arts & recreation activities; and exciting & fun field trips.

Thanks to Mrs. Kitty Chan for introducing this program to Timberbank.



South Asian Symposium

Please mark your calendars for this year's symposium on "Healthy Living" @ Stephen Leacock on Saturday, June 11th. We hope to see you there!

Folkfest - East Jamboree - May 9th

The music was loud, the students were pumped, the dancing was amazing and the weather cooperated! What a sight to have our students be a part of such a great event that promotes healthy living through dance. Thanks to our parents for coming out to cheer us on and for joining us in the last dance: Hands Up! Our next event is May 17th at Lawrence Park CI. See you there!



Athletics

Soccer: It has been a while since Timberbank has had a soccer team. With such a great field in our backyard, we are so pleased to have a co-ed grade 5/6 soccer team this year. Over 35 students tried out and though we wish we could take them all, cuts had to be made. Congratulations to this year's team: Andrew; Arthiran; Birathayini; Birathesh; Jacky; John; Matthew; Mona; Nirajh; Rameez; Robert; Safiullah; Varan; William; and Zarian.



We wish them the best of luck and want to thank Ms Kwok and Ms Keith who are our staff reps and of course, a big thanks to our parent volunteer coach, Mr. Jones.

ECO Team

In the past two months, our school has learned about social justice and water. Social Justice means fairness. A lot of children in our world have to walk miles to get water and miss school. Eco representatives from each class have been video taping our classmates to see what they had to say and what they have learned. Our goal is to teach everyone to do their part in being ECO friendly. Hopefully, we will be an ECO certified School.



ECO tip of the month:

You can save water by turning off the tap when you're brushing your teeth.

Written by: Peter (grade 6) & Vithushan (grade 3)

Take a look on page 5...help us promote a healthy school environment and order your Timberbank stainless steel water bottle for only \$7.

BOOK FAIR is just around the corner...

May 19th - Preview of Book Fair in the library for students

May 24-27th - Book Fair in the library

“Social Justice”



Access to Clean Water



At Timberbank, we have been talking about Social Justice, specifically about the rights for everyone to have access to clean water. On Monday, May 9th, we went to the Scarborough Civic Centre. Mrs. Lee-Davis and Ms Keith took 4 students (Praavean, Arruny, Sophia & Sowmija) and went there to discuss Social Justice issues such as: Women's Rights; Child Labour; Safety; Agents of Change; and Having the Right to do What You Think is Right. After the booth presentations and discussions, we had two passionate presenters who talked about Social Justice and their names were Jasmine and Sachil. We learned that if we ALL do this, our WORLD will be a better place. WE CAN DO IT!

Written by: Praavean and Arruny (Ms Persaud's class)

Timberbank's Girls Club

On Tuesday May 10th, 2011 four members of the Timberbank Girls Club went to the year end Young Women on the Move event at Camp Robin Hood. The girls participated in a number of team building events with other TDSB schools from our family of schools. The Timberbank students participated with another school in activities that were based on teamwork, confidence, cooperation, strategy and knowledge. The girls learned that with teamwork you can accomplish anything, that sometimes you have to get back up and try again, and that young women are caring, confident and courageous. Joanne, Sowmija, Anjali, Isabel and Ms Keith are looking forward to bringing this new information back to the members of the Timberbank's Girls Club.

Forest of Reading

The books have been read and the students have cast their votes...

Our students are attending the Festival of Trees event at Harbourfront on Thursday, May 12th to participate in a variety of activities and of course, they will also find out who the winners of the Blue Spruce and Silver Birch. Stay tuned for the titles of the winners in next month's newsletter...





125th TDSB Spring Music Festival @ Massey Hall

What did Massey Hall mean to you?



"It was awesome. I thought the choirs were amazing. I never felt so alive when we performed. I felt like I was in Hollywood (and I was sick at the time). Let's go again next year! By Safi

"I was great! I had a great time!" by Rameez

"I think we had the best performance." by Emeka

"I had a wonderful time! Massey Hall looked so different than what anybody would imagine it would look like! The choirs were fantastic and they really sounded angelic. It was really cool and I hope that we can go back." by Zarian

"Massey Hall was a great experience and a great honour to perform at such a place known for talent." by William

"At the end when everyone applauded, I was sort of crying because I was so happy and couldn't believe we made it this far...Massey Hall rocks!!!!" by Cissy

"Massey Hall means TDSB students have a chance to shine and have a chance to perform at a place they won't have a chance again." by Mona

"Massey Hall meant a lot to me because it was probably a once in a life-time chance to perform there." by Iqra

School Council News

Our School Council executive will once again be raffling special prizes at our Spring Concert. The proceeds from this raffle will go to support the various Arts programs offered at our school. Just recently, we had the pleasure of a Prologue performance called "Prince Rama" presented by the Menakka Theater Group. These presentations enhance the great learning already happening in our classrooms. Students have an opportunity to watch, learn and critique these performances.

In order for this raffle to happen, we are calling upon the community for any possible donations. Please send them to the office by Wednesday, May 25th.

Thanks kindly for continuing to support our children and the wonderful Arts programming that happens at Timberbank.



Reminder!

Gentle Reminders:

- When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know at **416-396-6860** and **press 1 to leave a message**. For your convenience, the ***Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours each day***. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.
- **Lates:** Please remember the importance of starting the day on the right foot! We have many students arriving late and we are asking your help to get them to school on time. Try setting your alarm clock 5 minutes earlier...it might just help! The students are asked to enter through their assigned door at the back of the school. There are student ambassadors on duty until the final entry bell to let students in.
- **Parking Lot Safety:** Please make sure that you park your car if you are dropping off your child. There is a walkway along the side where students are to make their way into the playground. It is very dangerous for children to walk between the parked cars. We ask for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.